— Women should be recruited in large numbers in the police force and sepa rate police stations managed by women police personnel should be set up.

— In view cf over-crowding of courts and huge pendency separate courts to try crimes against women should be set up.

— Trials should be held in camera and no publicity should be given to the proceedings.

(c) Yes Sir, the recommendations ac cepted by the Government were implement ed.

(d) Yes Sir. An evaluation was made by the[1] Core Group set up by the Depart ment of Women and Child Development while drafting the National Perspective Plan for Women 1988—2000. The Core Group found that there have been certain positive development effecting women such as the expectation of life at birth had improved; the sex ratio had registered a slight rise; the mean age at marriage for girls had gone up to 18.3; the focus and programmes for women had shifted from welfare to development; several legislative enactments had come intoi force to protect the interests of women, etc. However, certain negative indicators continued such as the sex ratio was projected as continu ing to be adverse upto 2000 AD; amnio centesis tests were being misused resulting in the female foetus being aborted; age specific death rates indicated higher rates for female children; 75 per cent of wo men were still illiterate; the work partici pation rate for females was not increasing; crimes against women continued in large numbers, etc. The National Perspective Plan has therefore made specific recom mendations with reference to rural deve lopment in agriculture, employment and training, supportive services, education, health and family welfare, legislation, political participaton and decision making, media and communications and voluntary action arriving at economic development and integration of women into the main stream of the economy and achieving equity and social justice for all women.

Video film on children made by NXP.C.C.D.

2300. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a Video film entitled 'Whose Children' has been made by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development based on earlier reports of child labour malpractices and misuse;

(b) whether the various base documents have been published and made freely and easily available; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of those documents which have been sold so far; and

(d) whether these documents are available through booksellers throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTHS AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA); (a) No, Sir4 The Video film entitled 'Whose Children' has not been produced by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, New Delhi. However, Grant-in-aid to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh has been sanctioned from the National Children's Fund to the Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi for this project. The film is based on interviews of children, their families and employers engaged in manufacturing of glass bangles in Ferozabad by Ms. Meera Dewan, the producer of the film.

(b) No base documents have been published.

(c) and (d) In view of (b), the question does not arise.